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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

### REMARKS

The Examiner has indicated that this application contains claims directed to two patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: Species I: circular plate (claim 18); Species II: non-circular plate (claim 19). The Examiner has required that Applicants elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. Applicants elect Species I.

Applicants note that the Examiner has indicated that claim 15, from which both claims 18 and 19 depend, is a generic claim. Accordingly, upon the allowance of generic claim 15, Applicants are entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependant form or otherwise include all limitations of a generic claim.

Applicants believe no fees are due, but if mistaken, please charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Order Account No. 11-0855.

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